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As an end-user of Microsoft products, I disagree with the proposed settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft. There should be NO company in the United States which, through various means, has been enabled to monopolize a critical market. There really is no meaningful competition remaining in PC operating systems, office integrated software or internet browsers.

Any settlement needs to promote the ability of others to compete in these critical software applications and assure proper monitoring with timelines to accomplish remedies. This might mean opening codes, spin off of segments of Microsoft, large financial penalties for non-compliance, etc.

The proposed settlement is too little too late. Users will not have choice and competition will not be created to produce the needed innovations important for businesses and individuals.

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